

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and extending our very best wishes for its continued success.

**COSPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 830—HELP  
COPAYS ACT**

**HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 830, the HELP Copays Act, to ensure that patients have affordable access to lifesaving care, prescription medication, and treatments. This bill would require health insurance plans to apply third-party payments, financial assistance, discounts, and other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses for an enrollee toward their cost-sharing requirements. I support this bipartisan effort to reduce out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs.

Should the bill move forward in the legislative process, I recommend limiting its provisions to drugs without a generic competitor. This ensures that patients who only have access to one expensive, branded drug to treat their condition can access payment assistance from manufacturers, but also incentivizes the use of lower-cost, generic drugs when possible. Narrowing the bill in this manner would prevent pharmaceutical manufacturers from abusing copay assistance programs to steer patients toward branded drugs that burden our healthcare system as a whole. I urge Congress to move forward with this proposal to provide relief to patients who may be forced to delay lifesaving care due to high cost-sharing and copay requirements.

**RECOGNIZING KEVIN P. DONOVAN,  
A.O.H. PAUL “HOOK” O’MALLEY  
DIVISION 4 MAN OF THE YEAR**

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kevin P. Donovan, who will be named the 2023 Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. Kevin will be honored at their annual gathering this very day.

Kevin is the son of Marian Elizabeth Lockard Donovan and the late Daniel John Donovan. He was raised with his eight siblings in the Keyser Valley section of West Scranton. He grew up attending St. David’s Church and playing baseball at the Lackawanna Little League. He was selected to play on the All-Star team and helped lead the team to several championship titles.

Kevin is a 1987 graduate of West Scranton Senior High School. While at West Scranton, he stood out as a member of the cross country and track and field teams. He clinched numerous district medals, including second place in the district cross country championship meet. He was also the Jordan Relays champion in track and the southern division track champion. He still holds several records in

both track and cross country at West Scranton High School. He was a two-time state qualifier as well as a member of the varsity wrestling team.

Kevin has worked as a roofer for Local No. 30 out of Philadelphia for 30 years. He currently works for the Lackawanna County Housing Authority SEIU Local No. 668.

Kevin is a more than 30-year member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and a current officer in the Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4. He is a dedicated volunteer with many community charitable organizations and a parishioner at St. Patrick’s church where he is a member of the Holy Name Society.

Kevin is married to Michelle Lynch Donovan, and they have three children, Kevin, Kacey and Liam. He is also the proud grandfather of his grandson Braydon.

I am honored to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul “Hook” O’Malley Division 4 to recognize Kevin as the Man of the Year for his lifelong service to the community. May he continue to feel called to serve and support others.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2023, I was unable to cast my vote on H. Res. 1159—To amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State’s Taiwan Guidelines.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present on March 22nd.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 144, and YEA on Roll Call No. 145.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
MICHAEL ALLEN**

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Dr. Michael Allen, who passed away on February 25, 2023, in Santa Monica, California. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and a distinguished professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Michael Allen was born on April 1, 1941, in East Sussex, England to Frederick “Jack” Allen and Ena Muriel Allen. As a young boy, Michael excelled in school, becoming one of the top students at his grammar school and eventually enrolling at Wadham College, Ox-

ford University. After receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Oxford, Michael made his way to the United States, teaching at Ohio University. In 1970, he received his doctorate at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also met his wife, Elena. That same year, Michael received a job offer to serve on the faculty at UCLA.

Michael quickly distinguished himself as a professor and scholar. While his teaching focused on the range of English literature from the Anglo-Saxons to Milton, his research focused on the philosophical, theological, and mythological issues raised by fifteenth century Italian Platonists. Throughout his time at UCLA, Michael served as a faculty lecturer with the UCLA Travel Study program. He also took on many leadership positions at UCLA and wrote or edited approximately 21 books. By the time he retired in 2012, Michael had received many prestigious honors, including the Eby Award for Undergraduate Teaching, UCLA’s top teaching honor.

Michael dedicated his life to academia and his family. He was a sought-after lecturer, enthralling audiences with engrossing lectures and discussions on philosophical and literary topics. He inspired generations of UCLA students as he made past worlds and perspectives come alive through his lectures, courses, and books. He loved hiking, botany, cooking, traveling, literature and most of all, his family. Michael was an inspiration to so many people and touched so many lives with his intellectual curiosity and love of storytelling. His loss will be felt by his friends, family, and the many communities he has affected.

Michael is survived by his wife, Elena; sister, Patricia; sons, Ben and Will; daughters-in-law, Claudia and Melanie; three grandchildren, and a dog. May his memory live on in his many contributions to his community and family.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMENCEMENT  
OF RAMADAN, THE MUSLIM  
HOLY MONTH OF FASTING  
AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, AND  
COMMENDING MUSLIMS IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD FOR THEIR  
FAITH**

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2023*

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud, as the longest serving Muslim in Congress, to introduce legislation to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and wish Muslims around the world a Ramadan Mubarak! I thank the endorsing organizations that joined this important resolution: Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Islamic Relief, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

I am honored to partner with my Muslim colleagues, Rep. RASHIDA TLAIB and Rep. ILHAN OMAR to introduce this resolution in the House of Representatives to recognize Ramadan and the various contributions of Muslims in the U.S. and worldwide. Ramadan is of great importance to Muslim Americans and 1.9 million Muslims globally. We are reminded during this